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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003.

Presently, claims 1 to 8 are pending in the application. Claims 1 to 3, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over the Tatar U.S. Patent No. 5,910,142. Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over the Biedermann et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,443,467. Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tatar in view of the